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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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LOCAL RESIDENT AND GARDENER ATTACKED ON MOUNTAIN ROAD

Less than one month after a local female resident was attacked on Ogden and Griffith, another resident was attacked, beaten, tied and gagged and left unconscious on Mountain Road. At present, the victim, Kevin Walsh, has come out of the coma and is recuperating at the Medical Center. Kevin is a gardener in RNA's community garden, where other gardeners said he was a quiet and friendly individual.

The Jersey Journal reported that the police have apprehended four persons for this crime when they were caught using Kevin's wallet and credit cards for shopping on Central Avenue. It was two of these perpetrators that initially called the authorities after the attack because they were afraid that they had killed Kevin.

Kevin's family has been staying in Jersey City to be with their son. RNA members have visited and inquired about Kevin's condition. If anyone has addition information, it is requested that they call the Police Department's Major Case Bureau at **547-4664**.

As previously stated, this is the second violent assault on a local resident in our community within the last month. These two incidents should be a strong warning to the City, the police and our neighbors. First, the City should make sure that Mountain Road, as well as Holland Street should be renovated as soon as possible, with emphasis on the safety of both motorists and pedestrians. There should be adequate lighting for evening travel and periodic maintenance and landscaping to prevent potential hiding places for future crimes. (The same goes for New York Avenue which is presently open but is woefully in need of proper maintenance and landscaping.) It is also imperative that the police patrol our cliff area with special attention given to these three roads and other isolated locations, such as the dead-end parking lot on Ogden and Cuneo Place and the dirt road behind Ogden with its entrance on Griffith street. The police should strongly heed the complaints of our citizens who have consistenly asked the police to patrol and move undesirable people from loitering in these areas.

Finally, it is up to us, the residents, to be alert and viligant against any suspicious behavior or illegal activity in our neighborhood. We must call the police immediately, not

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Annual Neighborhood Clean-up:

RNA has designated the weekend of **October 24th to the 26th** for our annual **Fall Clean-up**. There are several activities which will take place take during the weekend that all residents are encouraged to participate in order to improve the quality of life in our community.

PARK CLEAN-UP AND PLANTING:

Saturday, October 25th is the cleanup of our two neighborhood Parks, Riverview-Fisk and Janet Moore. A

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HARBOR VIEW HOLIDAY PARTY

On **Friday, November 21st**, RNA will hold its annual Holiday celebration for the residents of the Harbor View Health Care Center. The party will start at 1:30 PM, after the resident's lunch, with RNA serving desert, including cake and soft drinks. Musical entertainment and dancing will be provided with pianist Frank Fraga. Robert Boesch will dress-up as Santa Claus for the residents.

Organizers Valerie and Jack Rea and Maria Tuzzo, are looking for volunteers to help with this event and spend some quality time with our senior neighbors. Sugar-free baked goods - preferably home-made - are needed. (Please use throw away pans or dishes.)

This year RNA is looking for donations of men's and women's socks and knee highs - holiday presents for the residents. Please bring these items to the next two meetings.

Please contribute in any way you can - volunteering time, baked goods or gifts - for this worthy cause. It is RNA's way of thanking our neighbors at Harbor View for letting us hold our meetings in their house.

Please check off the following items you can donate to our party and return this form at the next meeting:

_____ VOLUNTEER to HELP at the Party
_____ MEN OR WOMEN SOCKS
_____ BAKED GOODS

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

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task force, made-up of children and adults, will be asked to walk through each Park and pick-up any paper, broken glass or plant material. Clean-up bags and gloves will be supplied by the City. **Clean-up begins at 11AM.**

In addition to the clean-up, this year we are also going to initiate a fall planting of spring and summer bulbs in the Park gardens. We are asking for several gardeners to donate their time and tools to help plant these perennial plants. RNA will provide the bulbs and the City will provide soil and mulch for this project. Anyone interested in helping organize either the clean-up and/or the planting in either Park, should come to the October meeting and sign up.

DUMPSTERS:

There will be two dumpsters located in our neighborhood that weekend to be used by the public for the discarding of all residential garbage and debris that cannot be removed in the regular trash pick-up. There will be one dumpster on both **Griffith and South Streets between Palisade and Ogden Avenues.**

There are several rules that RNA asks all its members to abide by. The dumpsters are only for residential garbage and should not be used by commercial construction or auto body businesses. Be considerate and pack the dumpster carefully to maximize the amount of material that is placed there. Do not overload the dumpster and do not place material in the street or along side the dumpsters.

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only for our own protection but for that of our neighbors and friends.

RNA has confirmed that the North District will have a police representative at our October meeting to discuss these two serious incidents and answer any questions. It is recommended that all people attend this session and voice your concerns.

Captain Donald Myers is on sick leave and Captain Spofera is temporarily in charge of the North District. RNA offers Capt. Myers its well wishes for a speedy and healthy recuperation.

UPDATE: MOUNTAIN ROAD RENOVATION

On Tuesday, September 30th, members of RNA's Planning and Development Committee met to discuss the latest plans for the renovation project of Mountain Road. At the suggestion of last month's guest, John Mucha, the City engineer in charge of this project, the following recommendations are being made:

1) the "boot-shaped" area adjacent to Harbor View on Ogden and Franklin should be landscaped with self-maintaining ground cover, such as ivy or crown vetch or a combination of the two, instead of the proposed green graveled asphalt, and the short retaining stone wall should be kept and not buried or removed;

2) the pedestrian sidewalk at the first turn in the street looking from Franklin should be maintained as cobblestones from the curb to the retaining wall, instead of replacing it with concrete (the desired area is described in the plans as "2+00 to 2+35"); in addition, the proposed cyclone fence to be placed in front of the northern retaining wall should be eliminated;

3) the cobblestones that are removed during construction should be saved on site in the lower open space that will be landscaped and fenced off; at least four or five loads of these cobblestones are to be delivered to the community garden at Riverview-Fisk Park to be used as walkways;

4) the granite capstones on the cliff retaining wall should be retained and rebedded with mortar, instead of replacing them with molded concrete and the new fencing should be mounted into the granite;

5) the renovation should include a clean-up and landscaping of the trees and overgrown brush on the slope on the west side of the street, behind the Ogden Avenue properties;

6) the renovation should include a sufficient amount of street lighting which is vandal resistant and installed on both sides of the street to provide a secure path of travel for both pedestrians and motorists and allow the police to properly patrol the street and the environs;

7) the construction crews, equipment and materials should enter and exit the site from Hope Street only and avoid disrupting the residential area at Ogden and Franklin (that includes parking and storing any items on residential streets);

8) the Ogden/Franklin end of the street should be closed off with fencing during construction;

9) attention should be paid to improving the drainage from the street and in particular, reducing the amount of run-off to the first manhole located at the second turn; this could possibly be created with the installation of weep holes along the cliff retaining wall;

10) there should be a form of traffic control at the entrance to the street at Hope and Paterson Plank Road, possibly a center turn lane;

11) at the street's exit onto Franklin and Ogden, there should be another traffic control, such as a stop sign, or a red blinker; in addition, there should be a "Do Not Enter" sign for eastbound traffic on Franklin; and

12) there should be a "No Trucks" sign at both ends of the street.

There will be a discussion at the October meeting to approve these proposals as formal recommendations to be sent to the Engineering Department.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GRIFFITH STREET BUS STOPS ALONG PALISADE AVENUE?

Sometime in July of this year, residents were told by the bus and van drivers that they were not able to stop at the bus stops at either side of Griffith Street and Palisade Avenue because the police had begun issuing tickets when the vehicles stopped and let people off.

Several residents who had been using these stops to travel into and return from New York and Hoboken were confused and called N.J. Transit and the Jersey City Division of Traffic Engineering to find out

what was going on. They were informed that the two locations could not be redesignated as bus stops until a survey had been completed and given to Councilperson Bill Gaughan. Mr. Gaughan had requested a survey to determine how many parking spaces these stops would displace on the Avenue. (This is a non-issue since both locations have always been bus stops and there would not be any spaces "eliminated" by maintaining the stops where they were presently located.)

The survey confirmed that the two stops were legally designated by the City Council in 1965 and would only "eliminate" a total of five spaces. The Councilman informed RNA that he had asked Traffic Engineering to have the bus stops replaced as soon as possible.

Now, however there appears to be another problem concerning the southbound stop where there is no enough visual clearage because of the light poles and traffic control devices on the corner. Therefore, the Council must approve moving the southbound stop across the street. It seems incredible that a few City officials can wreck such havoc over such a non-problem. Why not just let the two stops exist as they have always existed for over thirty years. IF IT IS NOT BROKEN, DON'T FIX IT! When will the City ever learn!

RNA MEETS WITH DEPT. HEADS TO DISCUSS LACK OF CITY SERVICES

RNA recently met twice with City officials to address the complaints and list of needed maintenance matters that was printed in the September issue of the Newsletter.

On September 25th, RNA executives met with **Maureen Corrado** and **Charles Caleri** of the **Department of Neighborhood Improvement**. The discussion centered on the lack of NID coverage due to the fact that there were no managers in either North 6 or North 7 district for the last five months. RNA complained about this total breakdown of NID services in our community and demanded that this be corrected. Ms. Corrado explained that she was reorganizing the program and relocating personnel. She agreed to include RNA in the selection process for the new managers for both districts. Mr. Caleri stated that until then, there will still be a NID representative at our monthly meetings to handle complaints.

On October 1st, RNA met with **Kevin Sluka**, the **Director of the Dept. of Public Works** (DPW). Again, the discussion centered on the total breakdown of maintenance and services in our two Parks and throughout our neighborhood by members of the DPW. We reviewed the list of problems that he had been given in June but still existed. He promised prompt attention to these concerns.

It appears that both individuals - Corrado and Sluka - are well-meaning individuals that take their responsibilities very seriously. However, the problem lies elsewhere, possibly with the delegation and implementation of the orders, commands and policies by their underlings.

RNA has been very patient with the inept and incompetent attempts of the City to properly service our community. All we ask is for the City to respond to our legitimate needs and concerns for the safety, health and quality of life of the citizens. However, we will not tolerate being ignored or patronized. If a City official promises to do something, whether it is a department head, a representative of Constituent Services, a Council member or the Mayor himself, we expect that something to be taken care of promptly or a explanation for its delay. The City has to stop exploiting the good nature of its citizens when it cannot keep its promises. Its only purpose is to provide services and if it cannot provide them, it should not be allowed to continue to exist.

HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVE

The RNA Annual Food & Toy Drive is close at hand. Once again RNA is organizing the collection of dry and/or canned goods and new and/or used toys. Monetary contributions can also be made and will be used to purchase either food or toys. All contributions will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution during the holiday season.

Donated items should be brought to the next three RNA meetings. Arrangements can also be made to drop them off at 170 Ogden anytime after 6PM Monday through Friday or call Maria Tuzzo at **659-2245**. Please give generously to those that are less fortunate.

MEETING MINUTES: September 9, 1997

RNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The RNA Executive Committee implemented a change in the organization of our monthly meetings. Starting at 7:30 PM, each speaker or segment will be limited to a half hour for their presentation. Carol Rebelowski, the Sgt.-at Arms, will keep track of the time and signal when it is time to end each segment. In addition, we will not break for coffee and cake. Instead people will be able to help themselves throughout the meeting in a quiet and discreet manner. Those individuals who wish to have private conversations are asked to do so in the adjacent sunroom.

The Executive committee proposed a motion to raise **annual dues to $7.00** as of January, 1998. The motion was passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY POLICING:

Captain Donald Myers, Officer Ed Rutkowski and **NTF Officer Lorenzo Tosado** were in attendance. Capt. Myers discussed the status of the Neighborhood Task Force (NTF) program. There are nineteen (19) NTF officers in the North District and specifically 5 NTF officers in the Riverview area. In August, these officers made 95 arrests and issued 178 summonses and 80 City ordinance tickets.

The Captain confirmed the late night assault of a woman on the corner of Griffith and Ogden and commended the local residents who helped in capturing her assailant. He discussed ways for individuals to avoid becoming victimized and suggested ways that property owners can help prevent these type of crimes by securing and lighting their yards. Officer Rutkowski is

available to provide security surveys and can be reached at **547-5719**.

There was a question whether the elimination of the two bus stops located at Griffith Street and Palisade Avenue were somehow responsible for this attack. The Captain was unaware of this problem and somewhat surprised to hear that tickets were issued to buses that attempted to stop at the locations. The problem appears to be that there is no designated signage from New Jersey Transit at either the northbound or southbound location and the City will not order new signage until it researches whether the locations were ever formally declared stops.This has caused much consternation among the local residents who regularly use the stops to go to work in New York City and to return to our neighborhood. RNA is determined to see that these two stops are returned as soon as possible for the benefit and safety of the local residents. (See separate article.)

Other complaints were voiced about boom boxes and drinking in our two Parks and the amount of garbage, particularly beer cans and bottles and food wrappers that these revelers leave behind them.

It was also announced that the City had a special summer program that placed Park Rangers in the neighborhood Parks throughout the City EXCEPT Riverview-Fisk and Janet Moore Parks. RNA was rightly outraged that they were not informed of the program or the opportunity to participate in the program. The Ranger, unlike our park attendants, has the power to issue summons and has a walkie-talkie to contact the police if a situation warrants it.

COUNCILPERSON BETTINGER:

The next quest was newly elected councilperson for Ward C, **Arnold Bettinger**, who was accompanied by his assistant **James King**. Ward C extends into the Heights and encompasses Ogden And Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Franklin Street.

Mr. Bettinger addressed a traffic concern of Valerie Rea who recently had an accident on State Highway and Palisade Avenue. This is one of the most accident prone intersections in the area. He stated that Assemblywoman Joan Quigley arranged a September meeting with Dept. of Transportation (DOT) and pertinent City agencies to discuss this problem. So far, the DOT had not responded to local complaints and the only alternative would be to eliminate the left hand turn at this intersection.

Bettinger contacted County Freeholder Maurice Fitzgibbons about having the appropriate county or municipal agency repave the New York extension into Hoboken. He also made inquiries about the following matters:

a) repaving of Palisade Avenue;

b) installing a traffic control device at Woods Place and Palisade Avenue by contacting acting Director of Traffic Engineering Joe DeSouza;

c) cleaning up the area, being used as a parking lot, at the southern end of Ogden Avenue by contacting the Incinerator Authority; and

d) replacing the missing guard rail at the sharp turn on the New York extension.

As to this last matter, it was suggested that signs should be installed notifying motorists of the sharp turn and also doubling up of the guard rail at this turn.

The Councilperson closed the discussion saying that he has experience as a former Deputy Mayor of Jersey City and Hudson County Freeholder. He is eager to work with all the people of his District, the Mayor and the NID managers to improve our neighborhood. He can be reached at **217-5409**.

MOUNTAIN ROAD:

John Mucha, a City engineer discussed the renovation of Mountain Road. The Road will reopen as a one-way street with vehicles entering at Hope Street and Paterson Plank Road at the bottom of the cliffs, traveling westbound and exiting at Franklin Street and Ogden Avenue. Guard rails will be installed on both sides of the fifteen (15) foot wide street. The fencing will be a six (6) foot high, non-climbing mesh installed on both sides of the Street. The sides of the road will have slope protection with large gravel layered with asphalt and then painted green. The large undeveloped area at the bottom of the cliff will be landscaped, seeded and fenced with a fence and gate. The street will be fenced off at both ends during construction.

Since NJ Transit has proposed a bridge at the section of Paterson Plank Road where the future Light Rail system will pass through this area, it is not known if a traffic light will be necessary for the entrance to Mountain Road.

This project is slated to go out to bid in November of 1997 with construction beginning in February or March of 1998 and continuing through the fall. A suggestion was made for all construction activity to enter and exit through Hope Street and not to use Franklin Street. There were requests to utilize the existing cobblestone surface in the project and save the discarded stones for use in our two Parks.

RNA will hold a committee meeting during the month and make formal suggestions concerning this project. [See the article about this project in this newsletter.]

NID DISCUSSION:

Charles Caleri, an administrator of the newly organized Department of Neighborhood Improvement was a guest speaker to address the complaints that RNA made in its September newsletter. He announced that Maureen Corrado is the newly appointed Director. Mr. Caleri supervises 32 districts. Ufredo Merchan, RNA's previous North 6 NID manager, is now a supervisor for all the North District managers.

Mr Caleri apologized for the gaps in NID coverage because of the changes in personnel. He was looking for input from our neighborhood in hiring a new manager for both North 6 and North 7 that include the RNA neighborhood. RNA requested a meeting within the month to discuss the specific problems and complaints with the program.

Greg Brickey asked why Riverview-Fisk Park was overlooked for the Park Ranger Program, when the City knows that RNA has been working on projects to improve the Park, such as the hiring of a park attendant, our community gardens, organized sports activities and demands for better City maintenance services and police patrols. Mr. Caleri did not know why RNA did not have a Park Ranger. He explained that the program started on June 25th with thirty-five (35) rangers and would end in

October (unless there was an extension). He announced that a Park Ranger would be assigned to Riverview-Fisk Park within the week. [**Park Ranger Joseph Veintimilla** was assigned to our Park and patrolled the area Tuesday through Saturday.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) RNA **holiday party for residents of Harbor View** Health Care Facility will be held on Friday, November 21st. If interested in volunteering, please contact Valerie Rea at the next meeting.

2) RNA will organize a **neighborhood clean-up** on Saturday, October 25th which will coincide with our bi-annual dumpster weekend. If interested in volunteering, contact Maria Tuzzo at the next meeting.

Alison Fontana, Secretary

UPDATE:

PALISADE TREESCAPE PROGRAM

RNA recently sent out a second mailing inviting property owners to participate in the free tree planting program along Palisade Avenue from Paterson Plank Road to Franklin Street. (RNA also included property owners on the Avenue to Cuneo Place in this mailing.)

The response so far has been great with twenty (20) property owners consenting to have a tree planted in front of their properties and only nine (9) declining the offer.

Unfortunately the mailing list we were given by the City was not a recent one and we've received nineteen (19) returns as undeliverable. RNA is requesting another updated list from the tax office and hopes to remail to the new addresses within the month.

Kevin Sluka, director of Department of Public Works, has stated that these new tree plantings could take place this year.

Each tree planted will also include the installation of wrought iron fencing and gratings to protect it. The trees that have been used in the program are specifically cultivated for urban use. They will not grow very tall and the root system is not extensive.

If any owner of property located on Palisade Avenue is interested in participating in this program, come to the next RNA meeting on October 14th.

Maria Tuzzo

UPDATE: HEIGHTS COALITION

The **Heights Coalition of Neighborhood and Block Associations** met on Monday, September 15th. The meeting was the first one conducted by the new chair, Chapter 80, represented by Sal Riggi. During old business, members discussed the status of the Coalition's bank account and the prospect of finding a new, friendlier bank to handle our money. Also on hand was NTF officer Ed Rutkowski who handled complaints from the various Coalition embers.

During new business, members discussed Jersey City's sale of the Reservoir along with Caven Point to the Board of Education. It was decided to invite Council President Tom DeGise and Ward C Councilperson Arnold Bettinger at the October meeting for a more detailed discussion of this issue.

Maria Tuzzo

AUTUMN IN THE GARDEN

Now's the time to get a head start on Spring. If you are a gardener, you'll be starting your clean-up soon. This is an excellent time to step back and take a good look at how your garden worked out this year. Did your plants grow as tall or as wide as you expected them to? Did they flower or produce fruit as advertised? Did last winter's dreams come true?

If you find it difficult to be objective now, at the end of a summer's worth of hard work and expense, take photographs of your garden as it is this fall. (A good idea in spring and summer, as well.)

Come this winter, when you are reading seed catalogues and planning next year's garden, reach for those photos. You will be quite surprised to see how much you accomplished.

Good luck, and by the way,

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL!

Madeline Rea

IT'S A GOOD THING:

If anyone has any free time that they would like to spend in a charitable way, they should consider volunteering at the Harbor View Health Care Center. Sometimes just a short visit, a conversation or a game with one of the residents, can fill their sometimes lonely days. And it's good kharma.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

CHRIST HOSPITAL SHUTTLE SERVICE

Christ Hospital is considering launching a free shuttle for members of the community who live in Jersey City Heights. This service would be a pilot program which would begin one or two days a week (weekdays only), and run during late mornings or early afternoons.

As the program is in the earliest planning stages, we are soliciting input from our block association presidents on the optimal route for this proposed shuttle. (We would like to provide as many residents as possible with transportation to the "key" locations, such as Journal Square, Central Avenue and Kennedy Boulevard.)

If you have any suggestions, or would like to discuss this project, please call me at **795-8364**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Barbara Davey, Director, Public Relations

WARD C COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

On Tuesday,evening, September 23, 1997, I attended the first meeting of a new group, "Ward C Community Organization, Inc." About twenty-five people were in attendance at the K of C meeting room on St. Paul's Avenue below Kennedy Blvd. Future meetings

will take place at the Hudson County Community College.

This new group is a little like the Heights Coalition. Differences are that it is a Ward C group as opposed to a Ward D group, as some people view the Coalition. Naturally, some people and block associations are encompassed by both groups. Another difference is that this Ward C group is composed of individuals, as opposed to the Coalition whose membership is made up of associations only.

It was something of a surprise to Sal Riggi, Steve Lipsky and Arnold Bettinger all seated together in the front of the room! I thought this was a debate left over from the last municipal election as they all ran for the council position in Ward C. Steve Lipsky and Sal Riggi are two of the group's founders and they hold the Chair and Vice Chair positions until formal elections in January of 1998.

Although this Ward C group has an ambitious agenda, I don't think it is an oversimplication to say that the purpose of the group is to raise grant money for community development projects. One such project proposed by Steve Lipsky is taking 50 children who need remedial education and couple it with athletic activities and offer it throughout the year. Other projects include trips to Atlantic City, dances, and Christmas parties. However, the larger purpose seems to attempt to upgrade the community by providing better services. CDBG money was discussed as well as other grants. There was mention of buying a building to house the homeless.

Councilman Bettinger stated that the City does not have a budget yet and he therefore voted against any pay raises for department directors. He also questioned the allotment of five and one half million dollars for a fountain and tables in Journal Square without including a total redevelopment plan to prevent the loss and destruction of these improvements. Bettinger stated that the Earl Hotel will be converted to senior housing.

Bettinger also mentioned that all of Palisade Avenue is a redevelopment area which would entitle it to upgrades and dollars. After attending this meeting, I believe that the present associations located on Palisade Avenue, namely Sgt. Anthony and Riverview Neighborhood should have representation in this group, especially for the projects regarding our Avenue.

Robert DuVal, Sgt. Anthony Ass'n

BAG YOUR LEAVES for SPECIAL PICK-UP!

Do not put fall leaves in your regular trash. The Incinerator Authority uses them for mulch production. Place the leaves in the free biodegradable brown bags available from the City and not plastic bags. Then set the bags out ONLY on the designated pick-up Thursdays:

November 6	**December 4**
November 13	**December 11**

These bags can be obtained, between 9AM to 3 PM, from the following locations:

a) 325 Palisade Avenue,
b) Incinerator Authority, 501 Route 440, and
c) City Hall, 280 Grove Street.

Bags will also be available in Pershing Field on Sunday, October 26 and November 23 between the hours of 9 AM to 12 Noon.

You can get bags locally by contacting Jack Rea at the next RNA meeting. For more info, call **432-4645**.

HUDSON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

This year's drop off site in Jersey City to dispose of household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, thinners, pool chemicals, latex and oil-based paint, used motor oil, aerosol cans, propane tanks, antifreeze, formaldehyde, batteries, solvents and cleaners, photographic chemicals and fire extinguishers will take place on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th
at the
INCINERATOR AUTHORITY
501 Route 440.

Proof of residency is required. These materials should not be placed in the regular trash because they would harm the environment. For more information, call 1800-540-0987.

☞ RECYCLE: IT'S THE LAW!

Here is the official list of recyclable materials that are collected in our neighborhood every WEDNESDAY:

PAPER: NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, CARDBOARD, BOXES, MAIL, PAPER, TELEPHONE BOOKS
PLASTICS: BOTTLES, MILK CONTAINERS, WATER CONTAINERS, FOOD BOTTLES
GLASS: SODA or BEER BOTTLES, JARS
CANS: ALUMINUM, TIN, STEEL (NO CHEMICAL OR PAINT CANS).

Remember, paper products should be separate but glass, plastic, and metal can be grouped together. For more information, call the Incinerator Authority at 432-4645.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Drop off articles, comments and/or recipes in the mailbox, attached to the gate, at 232 Ogden Ave. Mark the envelope, "RNA NEWSLETTER." The next deadline is **Friday, October 24, 1997.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The cost of RNA's annual membership will be **$7.00** per person starting in 1998. (Present dues are $5.00 per individual). Membership entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and voting privileges in RNA, if you live within the boundaries. Please support your community by paying your dues at the next meeting, or sending a check, payable to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue. (Contact Jack Rea, if any paid member has not received their newsletters or a membership card.)

Recycle this Newsletter
Pass it on to a friend

Bulletin board

From Valerie's Kitchen:

Tomato Pesto

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp.olive oil
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 4 cups skinned, seeded and diced ripe, red tomatoes
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 8 leaves fresh basil, stacked, rolled up and cut crosswise in narrow strips

1) Heat oil in large skillet.
2) Add onion and saute until soft and golden.
3) Add remaining ingredients except the basil.
4) Bring to boil, stirring occasionally until lightly thickened, about 3 minutes.
5) Remove from heat and stir in the basil.
6) Place over spaghetti or meat. Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

Gifts of Autumn

an original poem by
Maria Tuzzo

Fall, I love the colors,
The gold, the browns, the reds,
The orange and yellow flowers
Tucked in the garden beds.

The crisp sound of the many leaves
That have fallen all around.
The shape of each so distinctive
As they blow along the ground.

Nature knows it soon will be
Time for winters gloom,
But cannot help showing off once more
Her foliage in bloom.

Take heed of all this color
For it's all we'll have to clasp,
Against dark and frigid winter days
That will hold us in their grasp.

And do not despair in winter nights
No matter how dreary or cold
For spring will come again, you see
With colors yet more bold.

(Title credit to Mary Fitzgerald Tuzzo)

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force Police Officers Scott Schnee and Lorenzo Tosado, David Murawinski** or **Mark Conroy and Keith Armstrong** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity at **547-5350** (the North District station's frontdesk) or **547-5719** (community service number). When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message.

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD **Narcotics Unit at 547-5391**. Ask to speak to the Narcotics Detectives in the North District. All calls will be strictly confidential.

A **Community Service Survey** form is reprinted below. The purpose of the form is to alert the police to particular chronic problems in our neighborhood. Please fill the form out and mail it to the North District at 282 Central Avenue. (You can remain anonymous.)

JERSEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
NORTH DISTRICT
282 Central Avenue, Jersey City, 07307
547-5350: Front Desk
547-5719: Neighborhood Task Force

Community Service Survey

Name:_____
Address:_____
Home Phone:_____
Block Association:_____
Complaint & Observations for the period of_____

List the Locations for the following Problems:
Disorderly Groups:_____
Public Nuisances: _____
Narcotics Activity:_____
Unsafe/Unhealthy Sites: _____
Suspicious Activity:_____
Heavy Trucking: _____
Auto Thefts:_____
Burglaries:_____
Prostitution: _____
Gambling:_____
Other:_____
_____

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SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 14th at 7:15 PM at the HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER.

KEEP UP WITH THE LOCAL NEWS
at our NEXT RNA MEETING
on Tuesday, OCTOBER 14th at 7:15 PM

HAVE A SAFE
HALLOWEEN:
ACCOMPANY YOUR
CHILDREN FOR TRICK
OR TREAT OR HAVE A
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COMING EVENTS

1. **RNA MEETING: Tuesday, October 14 th at 7:15 PM**
   LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER
   TOPICS to be DISCUSSED:
   a) Recent attack and hospitalization of local community gardener
   b) Upcoming holiday events
   c) Status of complaints concerning lack of City services

2. **FALL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND: October 24 to 25:**
   a) Two Dumpsters for residential garbage located at
   GRIFFITH STREET and SOUTH STREET betw. Palisade & Ogden
   b) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th at 11 AM:
   CLEAN-UP & FLOWER PLANTING IN Riverview-Fisk & Moore Parks